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METHOD FOR CONTROLLING MECHANISMS

AND TECHNICAL SYSTEMS, A

CORRESPONDING DEVICE AND CONTROL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1-17 as follows, the amendments being shown by brackets and underscoring in the Appendix hereto:

- 1. Method for the control of a mechanism or technical system, comprising
- a) storing the mechanism or technical system to be controlled in a control by way of its elementary functions with states thereof